- The individual has tattoos, wears or possesses clothing and/or paraphernalia that is primarily associated with a specific gang.

- The individual is observed participating in delinquent or criminal activity with known gang members.

- Police records and/or observations show the individual's close association with known gang members.

- Information from a reliable informant identifies the individual as a gang member.

In addition to these guidelines, by working with probation officers to focus on juvenile gang members who were on probation for drug-related offenses, JUDGE was able to successfully identify youth that later showed a strong criminal history. While JUDGE was a suppression program to put offenders behind bars, it would be best combined with some form of intervention to reduce the likelihood of further offenses by the targeted youth. This creation of a more comprehensive approach could lessen the overcrowding of prisons and detention centers, giving incentive for community involvement to help at-risk youth. Programs such as Lifeskills'95 could work well in conjunction with the targeting methods used by JUDGE.

O. Tri-Agency Resource Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET)

The Tri-Agency Resource Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) is a cooperative effort between police departments, probation officers, and district attorney's offices. First implemented in 1992 in Orange County, California, the primary goal of the TARGET program is to prevent gang activity by selectively incarcerating repeat offenders who are gang members for all possible offenses (similar to the pulling levers strategy of Operation Ceasefire). To carry out this program, a few police specialists, as well as a probation officer and district attorney work as an identified